

Proposal for Downsizing the Manpower of SAIL

439. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Steel Authority of India has a proposal to downsize its manpower;

(b) if so, the proposal mooted thereon;

(c) the number of employees likely to be retrenched in the process;

(d) whether a time limit has been fixed therefor; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As a part of restructuring plan of SAIL, a Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between the Government of India and the company. In terms of this MoU, it has been agreed that SAIL will attain a manpower of 1,00,000 in the next five years through voluntary retirement and other separations including superannuation as indicated below:—

Year	Manpower
2000-2001	1,47,000
2001-2002	1,34,000
2002-2003	1,21,000
2003-2004	1,10,000
2004-2005	1,00,000

(c) No employees are planned to be retrenched in the above process.

(d) and (e) do not arise.

Decline in Population of Primitive Tribes

490. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been decline in the number of some primitive tribes;

(b) if so, the complete details thereof, tribe-wise;

(c) whether the National Commission on Population has in its meeting held in January-February, 2001 considered the problems of tribes in detail; and

(d) if so, the broad consensus arrived at about possible assistance to be provided to tribal community?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) and (b) according to 1981 and 1991 census, there has been decline in the population of the following Primitive Tribal Groups:—

State	Community	Population	
		1991	1981
Karnataka	JenuKuruba	29371	34747
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	Shompens Great Andamanese	131 32	223 42

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Four sub-groups have been formed for detailed examination of problems and formulation of concrete proposals.

Exploitation of Tribal Girls/Women

†491. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the girls/women of various tribal areas are being exploited on the pretext of deploying them as house maids in various metropolitan cities;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these tribal girls/women become the victim of ill treatment while working in various reputed families; and

(c) if so, what action is being taken by Government to ensure a dignified life for these tribal women/girls?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.